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Geneva, 18-22 August 1997
Agenda item 2

PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

United Republic of Tanzania*: draft decision

Establishment of a "Committee on the Review of the Implementation of the Convention" (CRIC)

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22, paragraph 2 (c) of the Convention to Combat Desertification (CCD) and article 27 of the CCD related to measures to resolve questions on implementation,

Recalling also article 26 of the CCD related to communication of information,

Reaffirming its own decision on the timetable for submission and consideration of reports on the measures taken by Parties for the implementation of the Convention,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

Having considered the report and recommendation submitted by the INCD:

1. Decides to establish a Committee on the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) to assist the Conference of the Parties (COP) on the assessment and review of the effective implementation of the Convention;

2. Decides also that the CRIC shall be open to participation by all Parties and comprise of Government representatives who are experts on issues related to desertification and droughts;

3. Decides further that the CRIC shall report to the COP on all aspects of its work and under its guidance shall, inter alia, operate as follows:

(a) consider the information communicated, pursuant to article 26 of the CCD in order to assist the COP in carrying out the assessments and review of the effective implementation of the Convention;

(b) assist the COP, as appropriate, in the preparation and implementation of its decisions and recommendations;

(c) consider reports submitted by the global mechanism to the COP on its activities, in accordance with article 21, paragraph 5 (d);

(d) consider reports submitted by the Permanent Secretariat of the Convention to the COP on the executive of its functions, in accordance with article 23, paragraph 2 (f);

(e) perform such other activities as may be determined by the COP;

4. Stresses that the CRIC shall begin its work at the second ordinary session of the CCD in 1998;

5. Stresses also that the composition of the Bureau of the CRIC shall be done in accordance with the provisions of article 31 of the Rules of Procedure of the COP;

6. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Convention to make all necessary arrangements for the CRIC to fulfil its terms of reference and to meet in parallel, with the COP and as appropriate before or after the sessions.